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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**NEVADA MAN CHARGED WITH
TRANSPORTING MINOR FOR SEX**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that SIDNEY C. MORENO, 30, Reno, Nevada, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for transporting a minor with intent to engage in sexual activity, following an investigation by the Fortville Police Department, Hancock County Sheriff's Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The indictment alleges that MORENO transported a minor age female from Indiana to Nevada with the intent to engage in sexual activity with her that would be a violation of law in

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Indiana and Nevada. The indictment also alleges that the girl had not yet turned 16 years old and a computer was used to entice and encourage the sexual activity. MORENO's conduct occurred over a three day period in July, 2004.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Gayle L. Helart, who is prosecuting the case for the government, MORENO faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 30 years and a maximum possible fine of \$250,000. An initial hearing will be scheduled for before a U.S. Magistrate Judge in Indianapolis.

The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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